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KAYENTA MAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF 2 WEEK OLD INFANT

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 7, 2003, Jacob Miera, D.O.B. 10/24/79, of Kayenta, Arizona, was arrested and a criminal complaint was filed charging Second Degree Murder.

The complaint alleges that Jacob Miera killed his two week-old infant daughter by inflicting multiple injuries, including at least 12 rib fractures, a broken clavicle, a left forearm spiral fracture, contusions of the cheek and scalp, and multiple abrasions of the face.

The federal complaint charges Jacob Miera with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1111, Murder in the Second Degree.

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A conviction for Second Degree Murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$250,000.00 fine or both.

An criminal complaint is simply a method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Navajo Nation Department of Criminal Investigation.

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